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"It is encouraging to see EPA take a hard look at the science about sulfoxaflor and its effects on pollinators and issue a science-based decision on its permitted use," the group's president, Daren Coppock, said in a statement. "This is how the system is supposed to work: scientific experts making science-based decisions."

But Lori Ann Burd, director of the Center for Biological Diversity's environmental health program, called Friday's decision little more than a gift to industry, and one that did not come with public input.

"Their failure to provide any notice of this decision is a new low for this administration," Burd said in an interview. "But the worst part of this is that they know the effect; they know how significant this is. And yet they are allowing this even with the full knowledge we are in a pollinator extinction crisis."

Burd said she expects opponents to soon take EPA to court once again over the pesticide.

"Their job is to weigh the risks versus the benefits," she said. "But they are just touting the benefits and sweeping the risks under the rug."